ST. LOUIS REGION TOP OPENINGS

2022-2024

The St. Louis Region is projected to have more than 140,000 total job openings each year between 2022 and 2024. Total openings include growth openings, exit openings, and transfer openings. Growth openings are the result of an occupation growing between the base year and the projected year. Exit openings occur when a worker leaves the workforce entirely, such as retirement. Transfer openings occur when a worker leaves their occupation for a different one.

The top three occupations having the most openings are *Home Health and Personal Care Aides*, *Stockers and Order Fillers*, and *Waiters and Waitresses*. The occupations of *General and Operations Managers*, *Registered Nurses*, *Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers*, and *Maintenance and Repair Workers* have a median wage higher than the overall median wage in the St. Louis region (\$45,526).

TOP JOB OPENINGS							
Occupation	2022 Estimated Employment	2024 Projected Employment	Annual Exits	Annual Transfers	Annual Growth	Total Annual Openings	Median Annual Wage
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	36,806	40,819	3,146	2,718	2,006	7,870	\$22,927
Stockers and Order Fillers	21,181	21,285	1,360	2,256	52	3,668	\$30,208
Waiters and Waitresses	15,422	15,967	1,328	1,854	272	3,454	\$22,949
Fast Food and Counter Workers	14,718	15,005	1,612	1,601	144	3,357	\$23,742
Cashiers	20,443	19,320	1,910	1,840	-562	3,188	\$25,821
General and Operations Managers	32,743	33,256	758	2,102	256	3,116	\$85,955
Customer Service Representatives	21,519	21,263	1,179	1,827	-128	2,878	\$37,080
Retail Salespersons	24,507	23,295	1,536	1,936	-606	2,866	\$28,377
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	16,917	17,305	1,188	1,201	194	2,583	\$29,217
Office Clerks, General	20,372	20,186	1,279	1,276	-93	2,462	\$37,080
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	20,353	20,134	1,176	1,206	-110	2,272	\$36,852
Cooks, Restaurant	10,998	11,902	790	967	452	2,209	\$28,678
Cooks, Fast Food	14,387	14,334	991	1,212	-26	2,177	\$25,971
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	14,684	14,824	715	1,352	70	2,137	\$33,298
Childcare Workers	9,842	10,332	739	948	245	1,932	\$26,485
Registered Nurses	30,759	31,071	991	768	156	1,915	\$70,463
Nursing Assistants	12,120	12,061	792	1,024	-30	1,786	\$29,390
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	10,605	11,112	818	706	254	1,778	\$27,248
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	12,689	12,814	592	902	62	1,556	\$49,122
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	13,448	13,695	557	754	124	1,435	\$46,594



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